

Memorandum

September 23, 2003

TO: Jessy Jose, Project Manager

FM: Marnie McGrath, Community Relations Planner

RE: Meadowbrook Bridge Rehabilitation project – summary of July 15 public meeting

King County Road Services held an open house at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2003, at Mt. Si High School (8651 Meadowbrook Way SE, Snoqualmie) to update interested residents about plans to rehabilitate Meadowbrook Bridge over the Snoqualmie River. Seven community members attended the meeting, including a representative of the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Society. Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director, represented City of Snoqualmie. King County staff members present to clarify project details and answer questions at the meeting included Jessy Jose, Matt Zawlocki, Jim Markus, Stephen Jiang, and Linda Mott. King County engineering consultants Ken Wilson and Brian Sperry from ABKJ, and traffic consultant Gary Edler from K2 & Associates also were present.

Outreach efforts

King County Department of Transportation Community Relations conducted the following activities prior to the open house:

- On June 30th, mailed newsletters to approximately 3,000 mailing addresses and post office boxes in Snoqualmie and portions of nearby North Bend.
- Mailed newsletters to interested agencies and community organizations, including: the cities of Snoqualmie and North Bend, Snoqualmie Valley School District, the Sheriff's Department, Eastside Fire and Rescue, Upper Snoqualmie Chamber of Commerce, and Snoqualmie Valley Historical Society.
- Developed and posted project specific information on the County's web site at <http://www.metrokc.gov/kcdot/roads/projects/mbrook/>

Open house displays

An informational handout was distributed at the meeting (enclosed) and the following boards were displayed:

- Vicinity map, aerial photo, project team
- Detour map
- Other area projects
- Artistic rendering showing bridge before and after
- Existing bridge deficiencies
- Project timeline

- Rehab reconfiguration
- Illumination
- Schedule
- Project scope
- Channelization

Attendees also were provided an opportunity to view a computer-generated simulation of how traffic will flow on and around the redesigned bridge.

Comments

Meeting attendees were encouraged to complete a written comment form to share any general comments and to provide feedback about their use of the sidewalk on the bridge. Four written comment forms were received.

In response to the question, “do you use the sidewalk on the bridge and, if so, how often?” commenters responded:

1 = yes, infrequently

1 = yes, several times per year

2 = no

Overall support for the project was very good. Other comments included:

- Proposed changes vastly improve safety while keeping charm and rural feel of old bridge.
- Prefer to see bridge remain 2-way with no stops.
- Try to keep closure time to minimum, during non-peak times.
- Like the new design and the new sensors for traffic lights.
- Feel that lighting the bridge and approach all night is unnecessary.
- Please make provisions for equestrian access to the bridge. (referencing the park trail)
- Possible to raise the road bed on Reinig Road, which was dug down to make under clearance for the previously existed rail road bridge, so doesn't flood so often?